

REMARKS

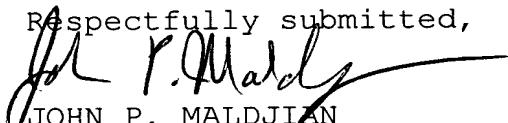
Applicants respectfully request consideration and allowance of claims 1-34 that are pending in the above-identified patent application. Applicants have added new claims 22-34. These new claims are respectfully submitted prior to initiation of the prosecution of this reissue application in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The above-noted new claims are respectfully submitted in order to more clearly and appropriately claim the subject matter which Applicants consider to constitute their inventive contribution. No new matter is added in these claims.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that the amendments now be entered, and that prosecution on the merits of this reissue application now be initiated. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe such action can be taken, it is respectfully requested that he or she telephone Applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any objections which he or she may have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicants' Deposit Account Number 12-1095 therefor.

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